

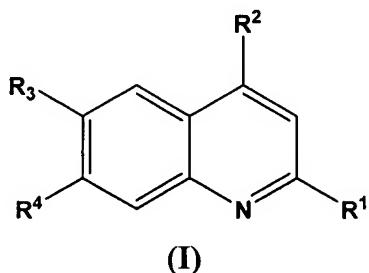
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1, 3 to 6, 9 and 10 as indicated.

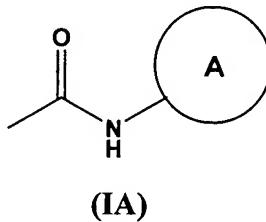
Please add new claims 11 and 12.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A compound of formula (I) or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof:



wherein:

one of R¹ and R² is a group (IA):



and the other of R¹ and R² is C₁₋₄alkoxy; wherein this R¹ or R² is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R⁵; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by C₁₋₄alkyl;

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R⁶;

one of \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^4 is hydrogen and the other is selected from hydrogen, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy and heterocyclyloxy; wherein \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^4 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^7 ; and wherein if \mathbf{R}^3 or \mathbf{R}^4 is heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, and the that nitrogen of the -NH-moiety is optionally substituted by $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$;

\mathbf{R}^6 is selected from halo, carboxy and $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$;

\mathbf{R}^5 and \mathbf{R}^7 is-are independently selected from halo, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$, $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$, $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{amino}$, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy, heterocyclyloxy and carbocyclylidенyl; wherein \mathbf{R}^5 and \mathbf{R}^7 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^8 ; and wherein if \mathbf{R}^5 and/or \mathbf{R}^7 is heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, and the that nitrogen of the -NH-moiety is optionally substituted by $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$; and

\mathbf{R}^8 is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N -methyl- N -ethylamino; or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A compound according to Claim 2 1 or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, wherein Ring A in the group (IA) is substituted by carboxy and the $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$ group is substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^5 .

Claim 4 (currently amended): A compound according to Claim 3 or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, wherein \mathbf{R}^5 is selected from carbocyclyl optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^8 .

Claim 5 (currently amended): A compound according to Claim 1 or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, wherein one of \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^4 is hydrogen and the other is $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A compound according to Claim 1 or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof selected from:

2-(2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)-4-[N-5-carboxythiazol-2-yl]carbamoyl]-6-methylquinoline;

2-(2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)-4-[N-5-carboxythiazol-2-yl]carbamoyl]-quinoline;

2-(2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)-4-[N-5-carboxypyrid-2-yl]carbamoyl]-6-methylquinoline;

2-(2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)-4-[N-5-carboxypyrid-2-yl]carbamoyl]-quinoline;

2-[N-5-carboxypyrid-2-yl]carbamoyl]-4-(2-methylbenzyl)oxy)-quinoline; and

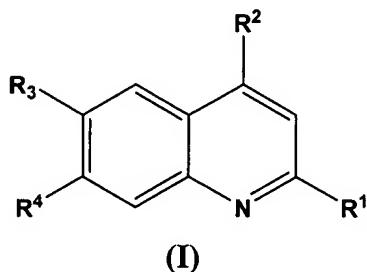
2-(1-methylpropoxy)-4-[N-(5-carboxythiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]-quinoline;

or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of Claims 1 and 3 to 6, or a salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

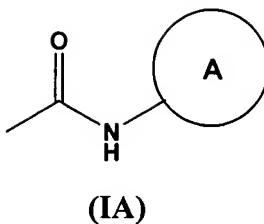
Claim 8 (previously presented): A method of treating diabetes and/or obesity by administering an effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, to a mammal in need of such treatment.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A process for preparing a compound of formula **(I)** or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof:



wherein:

one of R¹ and R² is a group (IA):



and the other of \mathbf{R}^1 and \mathbf{R}^2 is $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$; wherein this \mathbf{R}^1 or \mathbf{R}^2 is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^5 ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an $-\text{NH-}$ moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$;

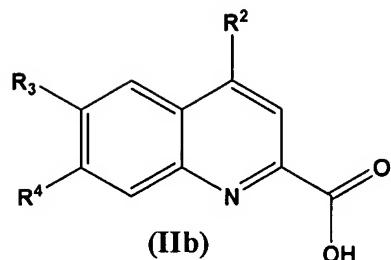
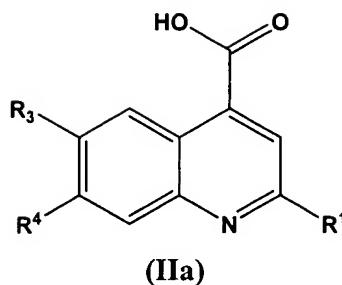
Ring A is pyridin-2-yl pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^6 ; one of \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^4 is hydrogen and the other is selected from hydrogen, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy and heterocyclyloxy; wherein \mathbf{R}^3 and \mathbf{R}^4 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from \mathbf{R}^7 ; and wherein if \mathbf{R}^3 or \mathbf{R}^4 is heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl contains an $-\text{NH-}$ moiety, and the that nitrogen of the $-\text{NH-}$ moiety is optionally substituted by $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$;

\mathbf{R}^6 is selected from halo, carboxy and $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$;

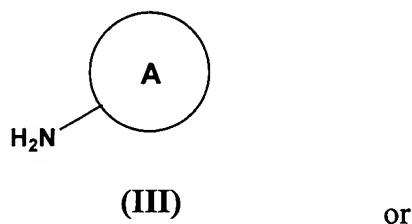
\mathbf{R}^5 and \mathbf{R}^7 is-are independently selected from halo, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$, $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$, $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{amino}$, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy, heterocyclyloxy and carbocyclylidенyl; wherein \mathbf{R}^5 and \mathbf{R}^7 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more \mathbf{R}^8 ; and wherein if \mathbf{R}^5 and/or \mathbf{R}^7 is heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl contains an $-\text{NH-}$ moiety, and the that nitrogen of the $-\text{NH-}$ moiety is optionally substituted by $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$; and

\mathbf{R}^8 is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N -methyl- N -ethylamino; or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof, which process comprises:

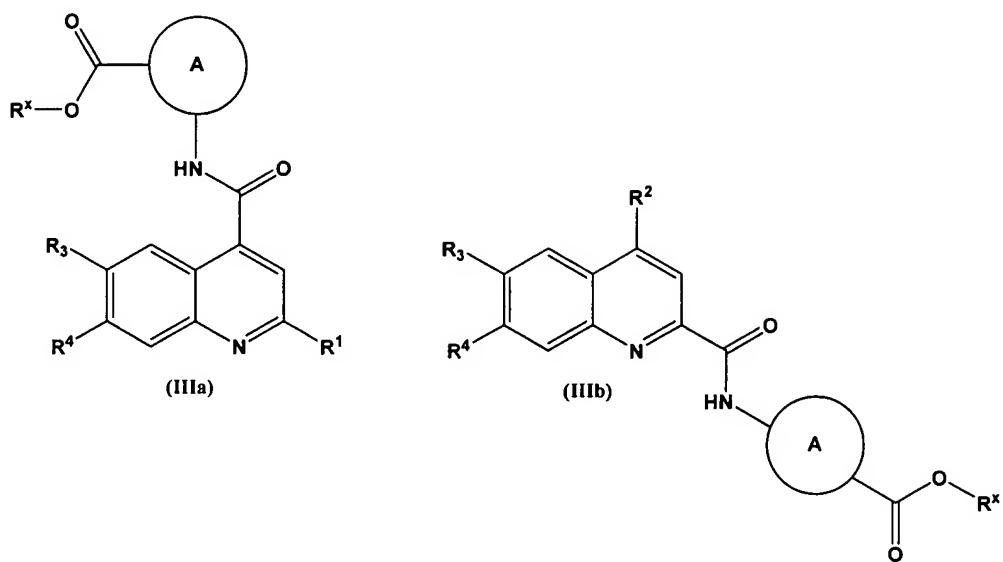
Process 1): reacting an acid of formula (IIa) or (IIb):



or an activated derivative thereof with a compound of formula (III)



Process 2): for compounds of formula (I) wherein R⁶ is carboxy, deprotecting a compound of formula (IIIa) or (IIIb):

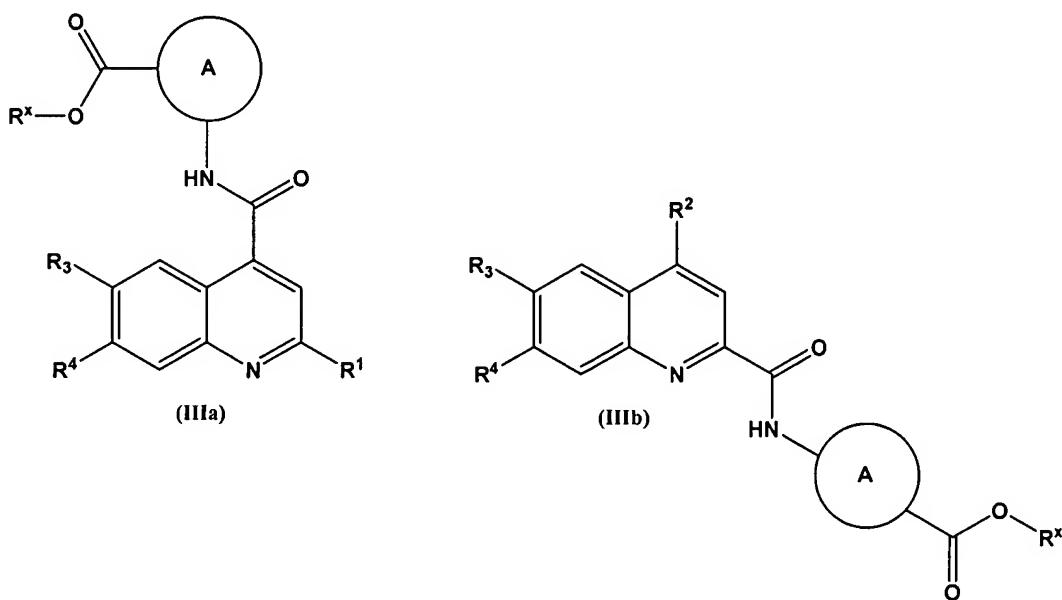


wherein $R^*C(O)O-$ $R^*OC(O)-$ is an ester group and R^* is selected from C_{1-6} alkyl and benzyl;

and thereafter if necessary or desirable: optionally,

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I); and/or
- ii) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- iii) forming a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A compound of formula (IIIa) or a compound of formula (IIIb):



wherein $R^*C(O)O-$ $R^*OC(O)-$ is an ester group and R^* is selected from C_{1-6} alkyl and benzyl; R^1 and R^2 are C_{1-4} alkoxy, is C_{1-4} alkoxy, wherein this R^1 or R^2 is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^5 ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an NH moiety that nitrogen is optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl;

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^6 ;

one of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen and the other is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy and heterocyclyloxy; wherein R^3 and R^4 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^7 ; and wherein if R^3 or R^4 is heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, and the that nitrogen of the -NH- moiety is optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^6 is selected from halo, carboxy and C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^5 and R^7 are independently selected from halo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino, $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)₂amino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy, heterocyclyloxy and carbocyclidenyl; wherein R^5 and R^7 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more R^8 ; and wherein if R^5 and/or R^7 is heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, and the that nitrogen of the -NH- moiety is optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl; and

R^8 is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N -methyl- N -ethylamino.

Claim 11 (new): The process of claim 9, wherein R^x is selected from methyl and ethyl.

Claim 12 (new): The compound of claim 10, wherein R^x is selected from methyl and ethyl.